



Request for Proposal

Mitigation measures to address the removal of Category II and III antibiotics

Chicken Farmers of Canada's (CFC) long-term commitment to research and innovation is one of the keys to the success of the chicken industry in Canada. Research allows our industry to grow as we look for ways to make our quality product even better and respond to evolving consumer preferences.

Each year, CFC invites researchers to submit an application for a Request for Proposal (RFP) for research in an area of particular interest to the chicken industry. Applications for this year's RFP are to be received by **February 28, 2019**.

1. Request for Proposal

Reduction of the use of antimicrobials is a critical priority for the chicken sector. CFC has implemented a policy to eliminate the preventative use of Category II and III antibiotics. To facilitate the success of this strategy, Canadian chicken farmers are interested in new, innovative products and methods.

The objective of this RFP is to solicit letters of intent for:

Mitigation measures to specifically address the removal of the preventive use Category II and III antibiotics

The focus of these measures should be on the control on necrotic enteritis and coccidiosis.

Mitigation measures could include identifying the gaps in best management practices and/or studies examining effective alternatives to Category III antibiotics.

2. Background

CFC has developed an antimicrobial use (AMU) strategy with industry partners. The objective of CFC's AMU strategy is to control, monitor and reduce AMU in the chicken industry in order to preserve effective treatment options. The intent is that the initiatives undertaken as part of this strategy will provide the needed confidence to consumers and to governments that AMU in the chicken industry is responsible. Additional information about CFC's strategy can be found at www.chicken.ca.

A key element of CFC's strategy is to reduce antimicrobial use. To this end, an industry policy to eliminate the preventative use of Category I antibiotics has been implemented as of May 15, 2014 and the preventative use of Category II antibiotics at the end of 2018. Furthermore, CFC has a goal set to eliminate the preventative use of Category III antibiotics by the end of 2020. The development of mitigation measures would facilitate the implementation of CFC's AMU strategy and would help to protect the health and welfare of broiler chickens in Canada.

3. Budget

This project funding is separate to that provided by the Canadian Poultry Research Council (CPRC). CFC's contribution to the proposal will be limited to a maximum of \$60,000. Industry dollars, whether from CFC or other industry sources, must be matched with non-industry dollars at a ratio of at least 1:1. Higher leverage ratios are preferred.

4. Letter of Intent and Review Process

CFC is requesting that interested applicants follow the submission guidelines as detailed in the Canadian Poultry Research Council's Call for Letters of Intent (dated December 2018). All proposals must be received complete no later than **February 28th, 2019**. Researchers may apply for project funds from both CFC and CPRC.

While this is a separate RFP, CFC will be using the same review process as is currently used by CPRC. CPRC will also be acting as the administrator for this project on behalf of CFC, and all contracts and reporting mechanisms will be as per CPRC protocols and policies.

CFC intends to follow the timeline as outlined by CPRC for the review and approval of research projects. However, CFC reserves the right to add, drop, or reschedule milestones as necessary. The successful proposal will be selected on overall value and will be at the discretion of the CFC Board of Directors.

Issuance of this RFP, your preparation and submission of a response, and the subsequent receipt and evaluation of your response by CFC do not commit CFC to award a contract to any offer even if all of the requirements stated in the RFP are met. CFC reserves the right to make no selection and enter into no agreement as a result of this RFP. Only the execution of a written agreement between CFC and a research provider will obligate CFC in accordance with the terms and conditions contained in such agreement.

5. RFP Inquiries and Submissions

Inquiries to this request for proposal should be directed towards:

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